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SUBJECT: PERU AND COPPER IN GENEVA

REF: BUSHNELL-SHLAUDEMAN TELECON SEPTEMBER 11.

1. I TOOK THE OCCASION OF THE LUNCH ON SEPTEMBER 11 TO EXPRESS TO ECONOMY AND FINANCE MINISTER SILVA RUETE OUR CONCERN OVER PERU'S ATTITUDE AND ACTIVITIES IN GENEVA WITH RESPECT TO COPPER. I NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE PROBLEM OBVIOUSLY IS NOT WITHIN HIS DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES, IT DOES HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE ATMOSPHERE IN WASHINGTON AND SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION BEFORE HE GOES THERE.

2. I CONCEDED THAT THERE ARE BASIC UNDERLYING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS IN THIS AREA, BUT IT SEEMED TO ME THAT THE PERUVIANS IN GENEVA HAVE BEEN OVERLY AGGRESSIVE IN ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE THE G-77 FOR CONFRONTATIONAL PURPOSES. THE US WANTS TO BE HELPFUL WITH THE COPPER PROBLEM AND THE EFFORT TO PUT TOGETHER A PRODUCER-

CONSUMER GROUP IS DESIGNED TO SERVE THAT END WITHIN OUR DOMESTIC POLITICAL POSSIBILITIES. I CONCLUDED BY

SUGGESTING THAT SOME GREATER DEGREE OF PERUVIAN MODER-
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ATION AND DISPOSITION TO DIALOGUE IN GENEVA WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

3. SILVA CONFESSED TO ONLY THE VAGUEST IDEA OF WHAT THIS WAS ALL ABOUT. HE ASKED WHO WAS PUSHING SUCH AN AGGRESSIVE LINE. I SAID ARIAS SCHREIBER. HE SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM AND MIGHT MENTION IT TO

THE PRESIDENT.

5. COMMENT: SILVA RUETE CURRENTLY HAS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN THE GOP. BUT I DOUBT THAT HE CAN DO MUCH ABOUT ARIAS SCHREIBER, EVEN SUPPOSING HE DECIDED HE WANTS TO. MORALES BERMUDEZ GIVES THE FOREIGN MINISTER A FREE HAND IN THESE ISSUES. AND, ALTHOUGH DE LA PUENTE HAS PROFESSED TO ME RESERVATIONS ABOUT ARIAS SCHREIBER'S STYLE, HE IS AT BOTTOM JUST AS MUCH A TRUE BELIEVER. HE IS PARTICULARLY STRONG ON THE UN SYSTEM AS THE ONLY PROPER PLACE TO DEAL WITH THE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH. HE IS MORE INCLINED TO THE USE OF DIPLOMATIC NICETIES THAN PEREZ GUERRO, BUT I CAN FIND NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO ON EITHER SUBSTANCE OR PROCEDURE IN THESE ISSUES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: I THINK IT APPROPRIATE AT THIS POINT TO FOLLOW UP WITH A MORE SPECIFIC APPROACH TOP THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE SHOULD NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF TRYING AN END RUN WITH SILVA RUETE. TALKING POINTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED FOR THAT PURPOSE. I ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE SECRETARY MIGHT WISH TO TOUCH ON THE PROBLEM DURING HIS FORTHCOMING BILATERAL WITH DE LA PUENTE IN NEW YORK.

5. I SHOULD NOTE THAT THE GENEVA TELEGRAMS REPEATED
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HERE ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR MY LUNCH.
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